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SPILL OF TREATED SEWAGE AT THE POINT LOMA WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Water Contact Closure for Ladera Street South to the Point Loma Light House

The City of San Diego Metropolitan Wastewater Department reported that an estimated 5,001 gallon spill of advanced primary effluent occurred this morning, August 11th, at the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant. The spill was caused by a rupture of a PVC pipe that was part of a system which utilized treated sewage to cool the on site generators. This started at 7:25 AM and ended at 7:59 AM this morning. All of the 5,001 gallons of treated sewage flowed directly into the Pacific Ocean from this area of the treatment plant, none of it was recovered. The damaged PVC pipe has been bypassed and is being repaired. Signs warning of sewage contaminated water are posted at access points to the ocean between the surf area at Ladera Street at Sunset Cliffs south to the lighthouse at the south end of Point Loma. Signs will remain in place until sample results indicate the ocean water is safe for recreational use.

For more information on the spill, please call the City of San Diego Metropolitan Wastewater Department at 858-292-6484.

For updates call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073 OR log on to www.earth911.org , enter your zip code and select 'Beach Water Quality'.